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FOR COOPER FROM PORTER

SUBJECT: COOPER' S TOKYO VISIT

REFERENCE ( A) STATE 0 71100 ( B) TOKYO 4921

1. PURPOSE THIS MESSAGE IS BRING YOU UP TO DATE REGARDING  
RECONSTRUCTION AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM IN VIEW OF YOUR IMPENDING  
VISIT TO TOKYO, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND TO BE ABOUT MAY 17-18.

2. GUIDANCE PROVIDED REF ( A) STILL REPRESENTS U. S. POSITION.  
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REF ( B) OUTLINES JAPAN' S POSITION AS LAST REPORTED FROM TOKYO.

3. DURING THAI CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING IN PARIS MAY 4 ROBERT NOOTER HAD BRIEF TALK WITH MORIYUKI MOTONO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC COOPERATION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REGARDING INDOCHINA. HE INDICATED JAPANESE GENERALLY FAVORABLE TO U. S. POSITION WHICH NOOTER REITERATED FOR HIM ALONG LINES REF A. BUT FELT THAT INFORMAL MEETING OF DONORS WAS NECESSARY STEP FOR JAPANESE DOMESTIC PURPOSES. HE THOUGHT THIS MEETING SHOULD BE INTENDED TO DISCUSS AID ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALL INDOCHINA RATHER THAN SOUTH VIETNAM ONLY. IF CONSENSUS OF DONORS EMERGED WHICH FAVORED CONSULTATIVE GROUP FOR SOUTH VIETNAM AND BILATERAL APPROACH TO NORTH VIETNAM, HE THOUGHT GOJ WOULD BE ABLE TO CONCUR WITH THAT CONSENSUS AND PROCEED ACCORDINGLY.

4. IN TALKS WITH RAY GOODMAN OF IBRD, GOODMAN SAID WORLD BANK HAS NOT YET TAKEN OFFICIAL POSITION ON DONORS MEETING BUT HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT IT WAS USEFUL. HE SAID INOUE OF ADB SUGGESTED THAT DONORS MEETING COULD BE HELD IN VERY NEAR FUTURE RATHER THAN WAITING FOR IBRD SURVEY TEAM' S REPORT ON SOUTH VIETNAM, SINCE MEETING WOULD DEAL WITH ALL OF INDOCHINA. APPARENTLY IBRD AND ADB ARE AGREED TO ISSUE INVITATIONS IN BOTH OF THEIR NAMES, WITH MEETING TO BE HELD IN PARIS PERHAPS WITHIN ONE MONTH IF DONOR COUNTRIES ARE AGREEABLE. LATER MEETING FOR SOUTH VIETNAM ONLY COULD BE HELD AROUND END OF JULY AFTER IBRD SURVEY TEAM HAS PREPARED ITS REPORT.

5. WE SUPPORT JAPAN' S SUGGESTION OF INFORMAL DONORS MEETING, ALTHOUGH AGREEMENT ON TIMING WILL DEPEND UPON POLITICAL/ MILITARY SITUATION. JOINT INVITATION BY IBRD AND ADB AND PARIS VENUE ALSO SATISFACTORY TO US. BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT IBRD HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGING CONSULTATIVE GROUPS WHICH MAY EMERGE.

6. TRUST THIS PROVIDES ALL THE GUIDANCE WHICH YOU NEED AT THIS TIME. WE HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED DESIRABILITY OF JAPANESE GENERAL COMMODITY AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO REVIEW CIP PROCEDURES AND EXCHANGE RATE IN THE EVENT OF SUBSTANTIAL JAPANESE CONTRIBUTION. HOWEVER, MOST IMPORTANT IS TO GET JAPANESE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN CONSULTATIVE GROUP AND WE ARE PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE IN ACHIEVING THIS.

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7. SUGGEST YOU CABLE TOKYO YOUR SCHEDULE WHEN FIRM AND LEAVE TO THEM WHICH JAPANESE OFFICIALS MOST APPROPRIATE TO SEE. NOOTER SUGGESTS HOWEVER THAT YOU CALL ON SOEJIMA, IBRD REPRESENTATIVE IN

TOKYO, AN OLD PERSONAL FRIEND OF HIS, WHO PARTICIPATED IN  
MCNAMARA AND GOODMAN MEETINGS. NOOTER REQUESTS YOU RELAY HIS  
REGARDS.  
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